Menomonie Police and Fire Commission

Minutes of meeting - September, 30, 2020

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Sandfort at 1:00 PM at the City Council Chambers. Present were Commissioners Pierce, Mangin, and Miller. Also present was Police Chief Atkinson, Commanders King and Hollister.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of September 16, 2020 were approved. The motion was made by Mangin and seconded by Pierce. Motion carried.

Public Comments Related to Agenda Items:

There were none.

Old Business:

Chief Atkinson updated the Commission on the candidates selected at the previous meeting for consideration as new employees. Chairman Sandfort reported that the candidate for the Menomonie Fire Department Firefighter position decided to withdraw from consideration as a new hire.

New Business:

Mangin moved and Pierce seconded a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of interviewing potential candidates for the position of Lieutenant and to discuss the complaint filed with the PFC. Motion carried.

Chairman Sandfort described the receipt of a completed citizen complaint form. The complaint centers on a search and arrest of the complainant. After reports from the Police administrators present, the Commission discussed the relevant information and examined details of police procedure.

The Commission individually interviewed candidates for the vacant position of Lieutenant in the Police Department. After consideration of the interviews and input from the Commanders present, a motion was made by Mangin, seconded by Pierce to return to open session. Motion carried.

Action Taken:

A motion was made by Mangin and seconded by Pierce to direct Chairman Sandfort to provide a reply to the complainant identifying the conclusion of the Commission that police actions were within the law, proper in search procedure, and correct in arrest procedure. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pierce and seconded by Mangin to promote Michael Boyle to the position of Lieutenant. Motion carried.

Chairman Sandfort noted the next meeting will be October 22, 2020 to interview candidates for Fire Lieutenant. The meeting will be held at the Fire Station 2 beginning at 1:00 PM.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mangin and seconded by Miller. Motion carried at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Miller